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| <p>(54) Title: HIGH SPEED MODULAR ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR AND RECEPTACLE FOR USE THEREIN</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A receivable (10) for an electrical connector comprising a housing (14) having a first face (12) and a second face (16) and a plurality of signal conducting terminals (18) each extending from the first face to the second face and the housing having a plurality of longitudinal sides (24, 26, 28) interposed between the first face and the second face. A conductive shielding (32) is superimposed over at least some of the longitudinal sides. Interior conductive shielding (40-48) is interposed between at least some of said signal conducting terminals.</p> | | | |
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HIGH SPEED MODULAR ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR AND RECEPTACLE FOR USE THEREIN

Background of the Invention

1. **Field of the Invention:** The present invention relates to
5 electrical connectors and more particularly to modular connectors for use
in connecting a daughter printed wiring board to a mother printed wiring
board.
2. **Brief Description of Prior Developments:** In the manufacture of
computers and various other electronic assemblies, daughter boards are
10 commonly connected to mother boards by means of a connector having a
receptacle having a plastic housing and a first and second face wherein
terminals are connected in one face to the daughter board and at the
other to a header connected to the mother board. Various arrangements
have been suggested to ground such connectors to the mother or
15 daughter boards but such arrangements have tended to complicate the
construction of the connector. A need, therefore, exists for simple and
inexpensive means for grounding connectors between mother and
daughter boards. There is also a need for such a connector which
reduces crosstalk and increases band width.

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Summary of the Invention

The receptacle of the present invention comprises a housing having
a first face and a second face and a plurality of signal conducting means.

- 25 Each of these terminals extends from said first face to said second face.
The housing has a plurality of longitudinal sides interposed between said
first face and said second face, and there being a conductive shielding
means superimposed over at least some of said longitudinal sides.

Interior conductive shielding means are interposed between at least some of said signal conductive means.

In the electrical connector of the present invention the above described receptacle is connected to a daughter board through a shielded 5 header. The header has two end walls and a medial wall and is comprised of a conductive material, preferable a suitable metallic alloy. A plurality of apertures extend through the medial wall and retain signal pins which contact the terminals in the receptacle. There is a first and second face on the medial wall. The first face interfaces with the second face of the 10 receptacle. The second face abuts the printed wiring board. On the second face there are a plurality of recesses into which conductive pins are press fitted to ground the connector.

Brief Description of the Drawings

The present invention is further described with reference to the 15 accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a cut-away perspective view of the receptacle of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the exterior shielding used in the receptacle shown in Fig. 1;

20 Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the interior shielding used in the receptacle shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the insulative housing used in the receptacle shown in Fig. 1;

25 Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the composite terminals and insulative frames used in the receptacle shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the exterior shielding engaged to one of the interior shields;

Fig. 7 is a side elevational view of the receptacle shown in Fig. 1 which is cut-away to show terminal arrangement;

5 Fig. 8 is a front elevational view of the receptacle shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 9 is a cross sectional view through IX-IX in Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 is a cross sectional view through X-X in Fig. 8;

Fig. 11 is a vertical cross sectional view through an insulative frame as is shown in Fig. 4;

10 Fig. 12 is a vertical cross sectional view of the receptacle shown in Fig. 1 engaged with a header.

Fig. 13 is a front perspective view of a second preferred embodiment of the receptacle of the present invention;

Fig. 14 is a rear perspective view of the receptacle shown in Fig. 13;

15 Fig. 15 is a rear elevational view of the receptacle shown in Fig. 13;

Fig. 16 is a schematic top cutaway view showing the receptacle engaging a printed circuit board;

Fig. 17A is a cross sectional view through XVII - XVII in Fig. 15;

Fig. 17B is a cross sectional view similar to Fig. 17A in which the receptacle is shown engaging a header;

20 Fig. 18 is a side elevational view of a shield used in a receptacle used in Fig. 13; and

Fig. 19 is a side elevational view of contacts used in the receptacle shown in Fig. 13.

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Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Referring particularly to Figs. 1 - 2, the receptacle is shown generally at numeral 10. The receptacle has a first face 12 on a front

insulative housing shown generally at numeral 14. The receptacle also has a second face 16 on its bottom side, and conductive signal terminals as at 18 extend from the first face to the second face. The first face has a plurality of openings as at 20 where, as is explained hereafter, pins from a 5 header engage the signal terminals. As is conventional, the receptacle also includes ground pins as at 22. The receptacle also includes lateral longitudinal sides 24 and 26 and a top longitudinal side 28. In opposed relation to the first face there is an end 30. The longitudinal 24 and 26 and the end 30 are covered by a U-shaped shield 32. This shield is 10 comprised of longitudinal sections 34 and 36 which are superimposed, respectively over longitudinal sides 24 and 26. In section 38 of the U-shaped shield 32 is superimposed over the end 30 of the receptacle 30. On longitudinal side 28 rearwardly of the insulative housing there is also a top shield (not shown).

15 Referring particularly to Figs. 1, 3 and 6, there are parallel longitudinal internal shielding walls 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Between these internal walls there are longitudinal spaces as at 50 (Fig. 3). Each of the internal walls also has a transverse section as at 52 and 53 (Fig. 3). Each of these transverse sections has a pair of vertical latches as at 54 20 and 56 on transverse section 52 and 58 and 60 on transverse section 53. These vertical latches engage horizontal eyelets as at 62 and 64 (Figs. 2 and 6). On the front top edge of the longitudinal section 34 of U-shaped shield 32 there is a spring latch 66. On the front top section of longitudinal section 36 of the U-shaped shield 32 there is also a spring 25 latch 68. Similarly internal shielding wall 40 has a front spring latch 70, internal shielding wall 42 has a shielding latch 72, internal shielding wall 44 has a front spring latch 74, internal shielding wall 46 has a front

shielding latch 76 and internal shielding wall 48 has a front spring latch 78.

Referring particularly to Fig. 4, there are side slots 80 and 82 in the insulative housing. These slots are engaged, respectively, by spring latches 68 and 70. Between these slots there are medial slots 84, 86, 88, 90 and 92 which are engaged, respectively, by spring latches 70, 72, 74, 76 and 78 on the internal shielding walls.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1 and 4 - 5, it will be seen that the terminals are enclosed within insulative frames 94, 96, 98, 100, 101 and 102. These frames have, respectively, frame latches 103, 104, 106, 108, 110 and 112. These frame latches engage, respectively, apertures 114, 116, 118, 120 and 122 in the insulative housing (Fig. 1).

Referring to Figs. 5 and 7 - 8 particularly, it will be seen that in addition to terminal 18, insulative frame 94 also holds signal terminal 124, 126, 128 and 130. Each of these terminals extends first upwardly and then horizontally. Each of these terminals has, respectively, at its horizontal terminal end a split pin engagement section 132, 134, 136, 138 and 140. As is conventional, the receptacle also has a pair of code key holders 142 and 144 and press pins 146, 148 and 150.

Referring to Fig. 11, an insulative frame is shown as being vertically bisected. This bisected frame is centrally recessed and has a plurality of contact receiving structures 151a - 151h.

Referring to Fig. 12, the receptacle engages a header shown generally at numeral 152. The header has a pair of end walls 154 and 156 and a medial wall. There are apertures in the medial wall through which conductive pins as at 160 extend to engage the first face of the

receptacle and be received in the split pin engagement sections of the terminals.

A second embodiment is shown in Figs. 13 - 20. Referring particularly to Fig. 13, the front face of the receptacle is shown generally at numeral 210 and a bottom face at 211. On this face there are conventional pin receiving apertures as at 212 for connection with the plug. The receptacle also includes, as is conventional, a press attachment peg 214 and location pegs 216 and 218. Also included are spacers 220 and 222 and polarization alignment keys 224 and 226.

Referring particularly to Figs. 14 - 15, the top face 228, rear face 230 and a side face 232 and 234 are shown in greater detail. From this figure it will be seen that there are slots as at 236 and 237 for receiving shields in the top face, bottom face and rear face which run parallel to the side faces. Between the shields there are elongated contact receiving slots as at 238 and 239. At vertical spaced intervals along the shield receiving slot there are also pairs of grooves 240 and 242.

Referring particularly to Figs. 16 - 20 signal contacts as at 244, 246, 248, 250 and 252 pass through each of the contact receiving slots in the receptacle. These contacts are connected at one end to the printed circuit board 254 (Fig. 16). (It will be understood that the contacts between individual sets of shields all extend rearwardly by the same overall length although in Fig. 16 engagement of the printed circuit board schematically shows several different rearward positions to illustrate various positions on the board which may be engaged by the contacts.) At their other end they have a V-shaped structure as at 256 to engage pins at the pin receiving apertures. Referring particularly to Figs. 17A - 17B and 19 the shields have ground pins as at 258, 260 and 262 that pass

through the bottom face of the receptacle to be grounded to the PCB. The shield also has a lower resilient ground 264 which extends downwardly through a lower slot in the receptacle then rearwardly to be grounded to a shrouded header 265 (Fig. 17B). Similarly the shield has an upper 5 resilient ground structure 266 which passes through one of the slots in the upper face of the receptacle to be grounded to a header (not shown). A header which would be suitable for engagement with these resilient ground projections would, for example, be either one shown in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/277,989 filed April 4, 1995 and assigned to the 10 assignee of this application.

It will be appreciated that there has been described a simple and inexpensive receptacle which provides for effective shielding and grounding between mother and daughter boards.

While the present invention has been described in connection with 15 the preferred embodiments of the various figures, it is to be understood that other similar embodiments may be used or modifications and additions may be made to the described embodiment for performing the same function of the present invention without deviating therefrom. Therefore, the present invention should not be limited to any single 20 embodiment, but rather construed in breadth and scope in accordance with the recitation of the appended claims.

Claims**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A receptacle for an electrical connector comprising a housing having a first face and a second face and a plurality of signal conducting means each extending from said first face to said second face and said housing having a plurality of longitudinal sides interposed between said first face and said second face and there being a conductive shielding means superimposed over at least some of said longitudinal sides and there being interior conductive shielding means interposed between at least some of said signal conductive means.
2. The receptacle of claim 1 wherein internal shielding means comprises a plurality of parallel longitudinal walls to form a plurality of longitudinal spaces between said longitudinal walls and one of said conductive means is positioned in each of said longitudinal spaces.
3. The receptacle of claim 2 wherein the conductive signal means are retained in a plurality of insulative frames.
4. The receptacle of claim 3 wherein the conductive signal means are flattened to be interposed between adjacent internal conductive shielding means.
5. The receptacle of claim 4 wherein latching means are provided to fix each of said insulative frames to the housing.

6. The receptacle of claim 5 wherein each of the internal longitudinal walls has a transverse extension and each of said transverse extensions has a means for engaging said extensions to said exterior shielding.

5 7. The receptacle of claim 6 wherein the transverse extension has a vertical latch which engages a horizontal eyelet projecting from the exterior shielding means.

8. The receptacle of claim 7 wherein each of the internal longitudinal 10 shielding means has a means for connecting said shielding means to the header.

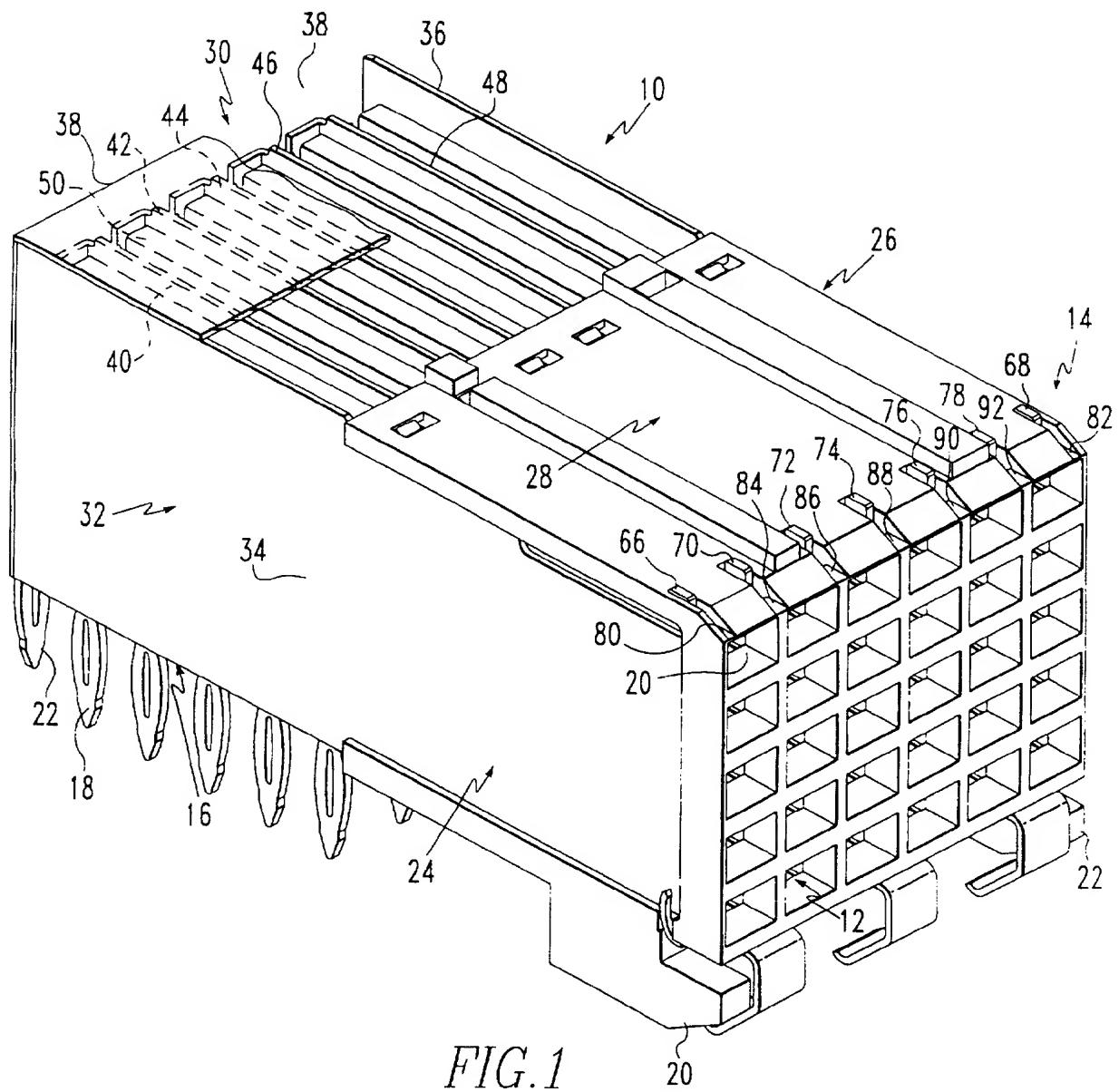
9. The receptacle of claim 8 wherein the means for connecting said shielding means to the header are spring connecting means.

15 10. The receptacle of claim 1 wherein grounding means are provided.

11. An electrical connector comprising in combination a receptacle comprising a receptacle for an electrical connector comprising a housing 20 having a first face and a second face and a plurality of signal conducting means each extending from said first face to said second face and said housing having a plurality of longitudinal sides interposed between said first face and said second face and there being a conductive shielding means superimposed over at least some of said longitudinal sides and 25 there being interior conductive shielding means interposed between at least some of said signal conductive means and a housing having a first face and a second face and a plurality of conductive means each

extending from said first face to said second face and a header having a conductive housing comprising generally parallel end walls with opposed inner faces and a medial wall is interposed between said opposed parallel end walls, said medial wall having a first face and a second face wherein

5 said first face of the medial wall is adjacent to the second face of the receptacle element and a plurality of passages extend between the first and second faces of the medial walls and a plurality of conductive signal pins pass through at least some of said passages and a separate grounding means is attached to the conductive housing of the header.



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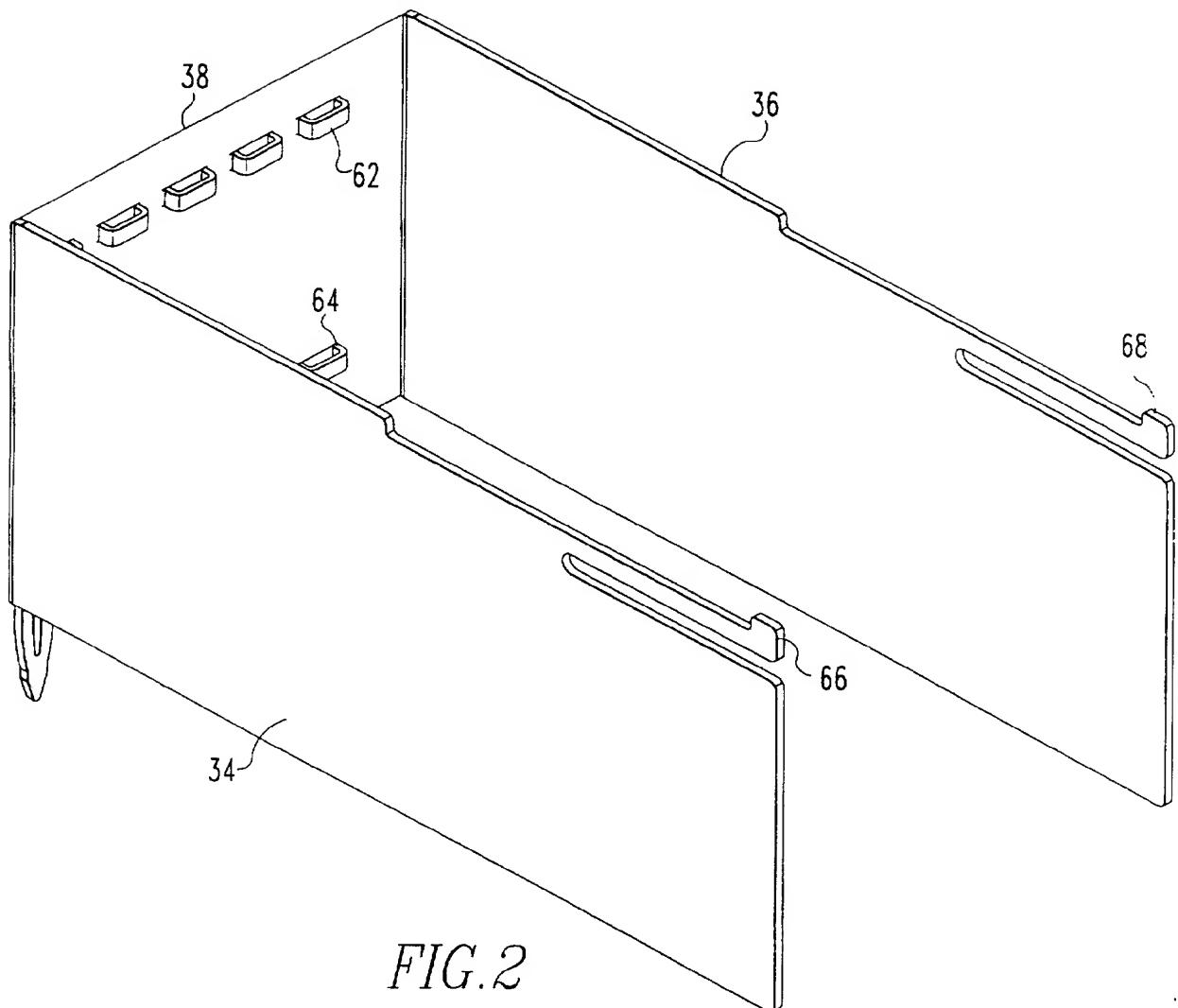
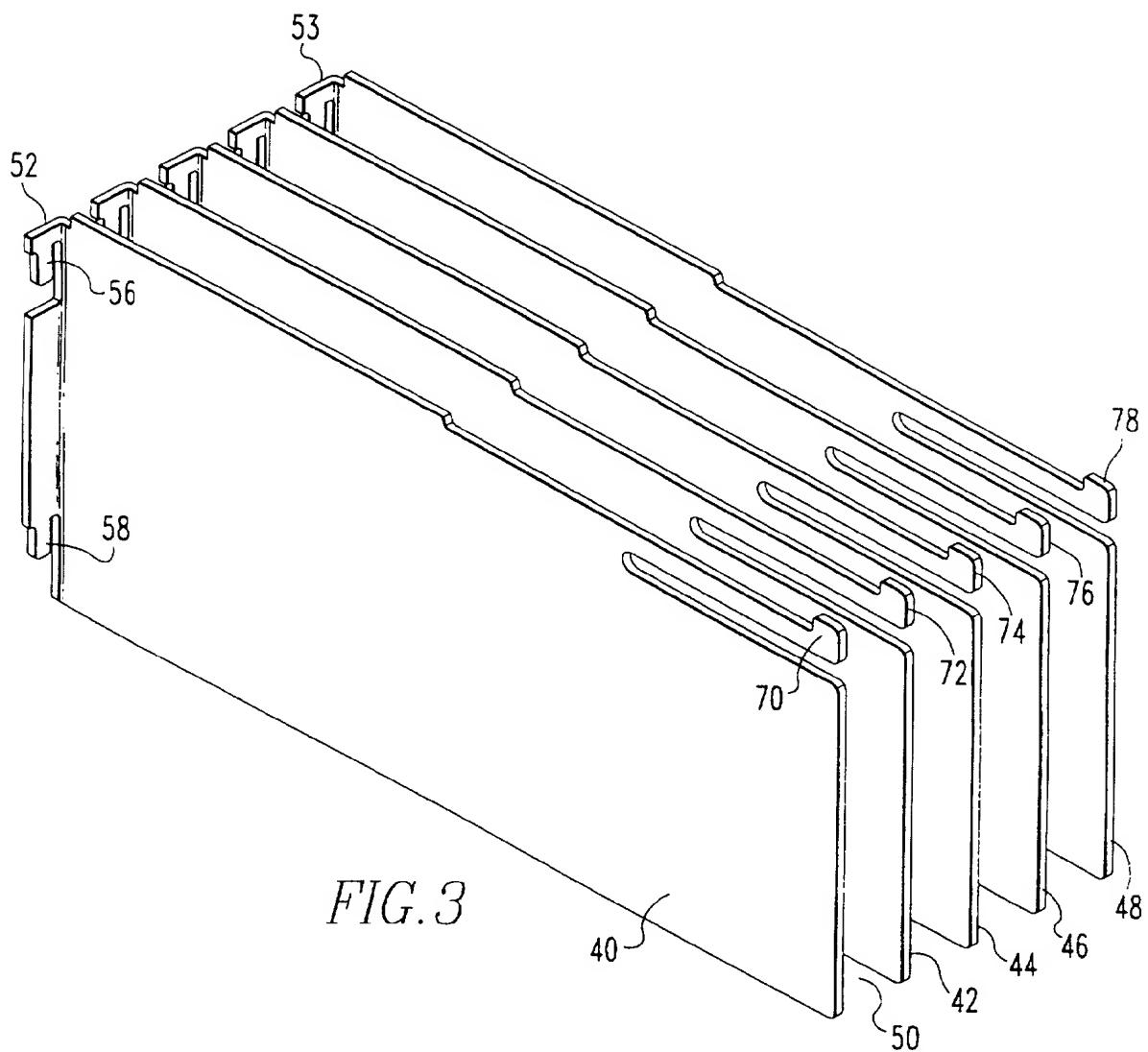


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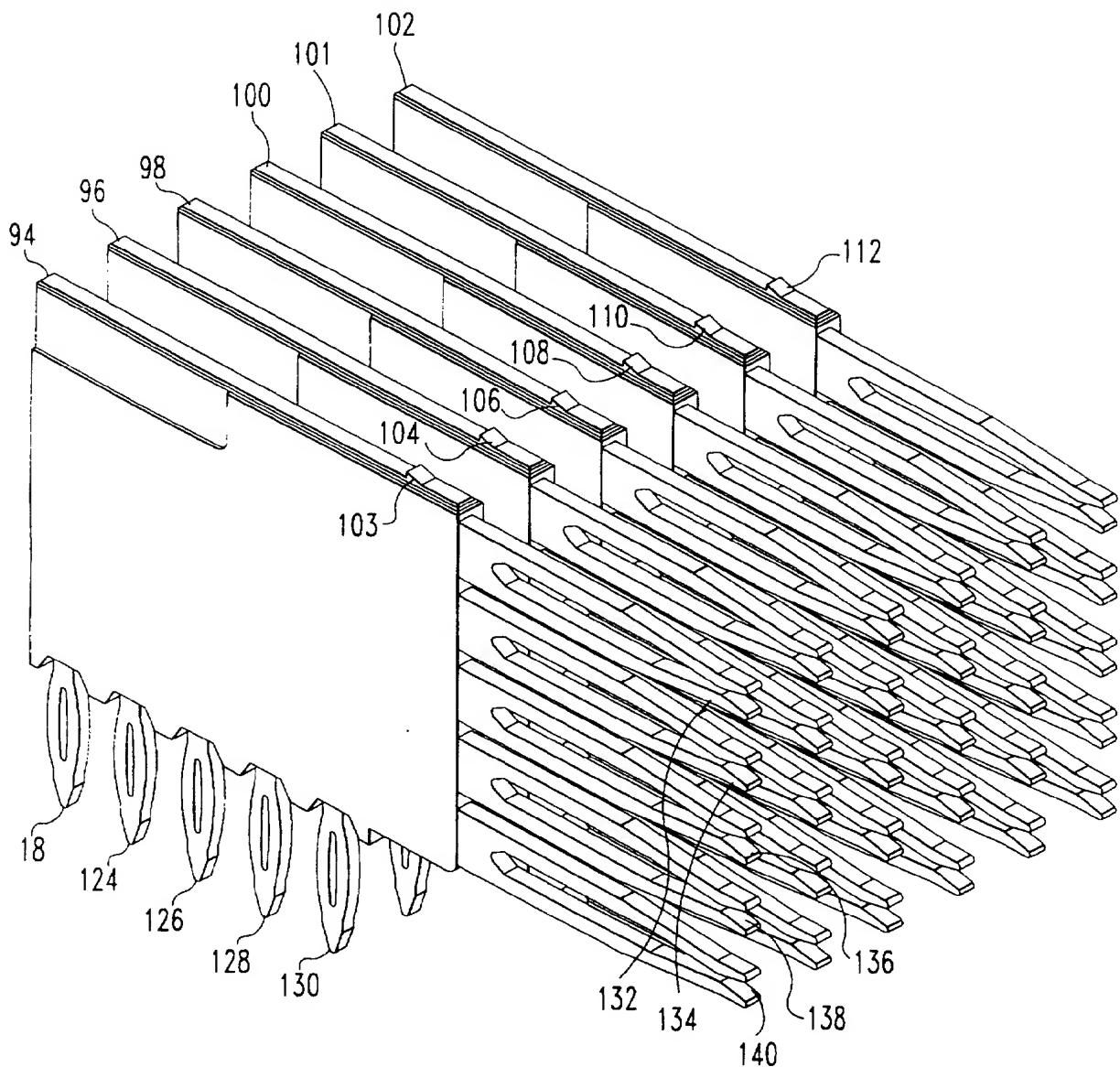


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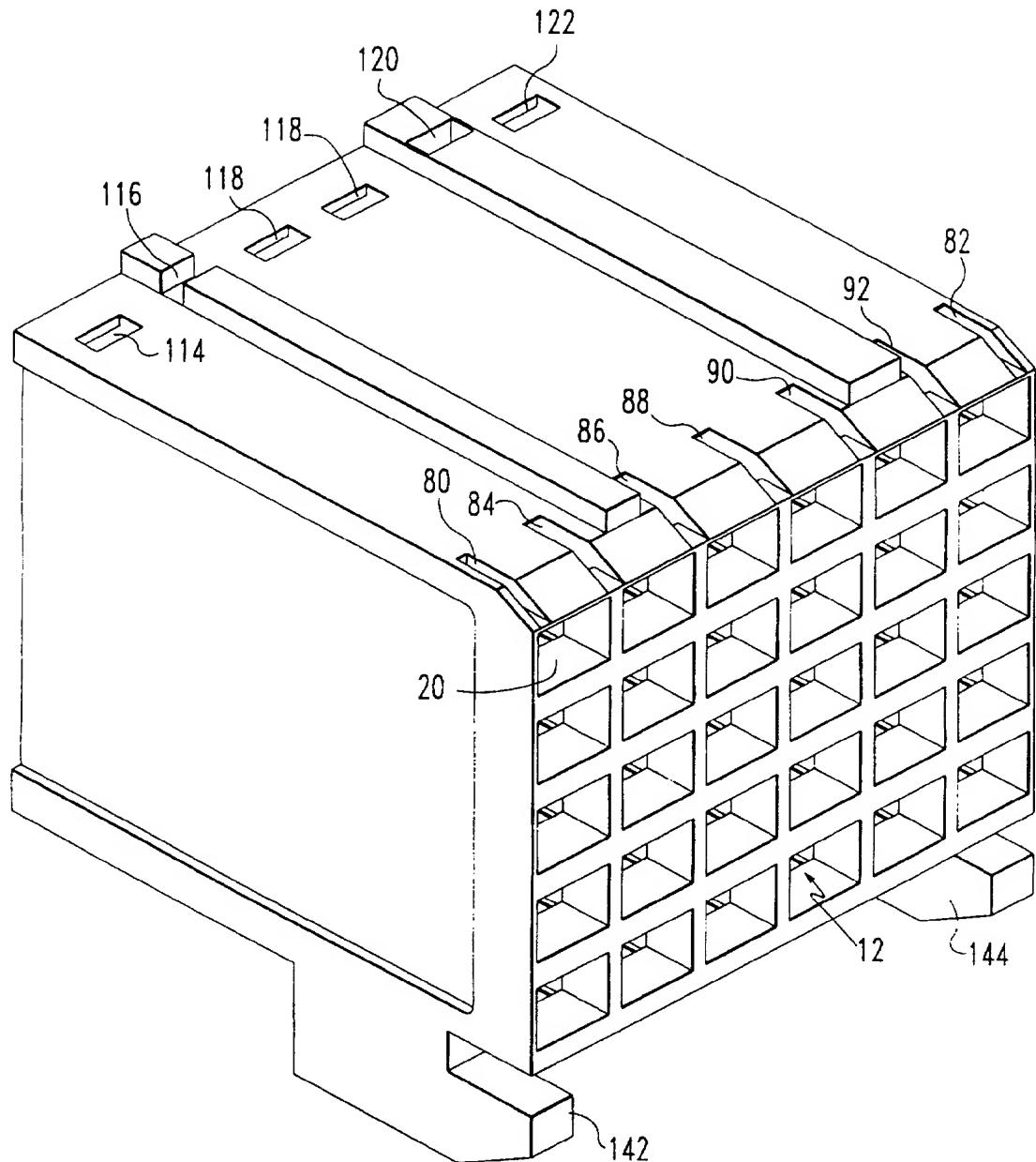


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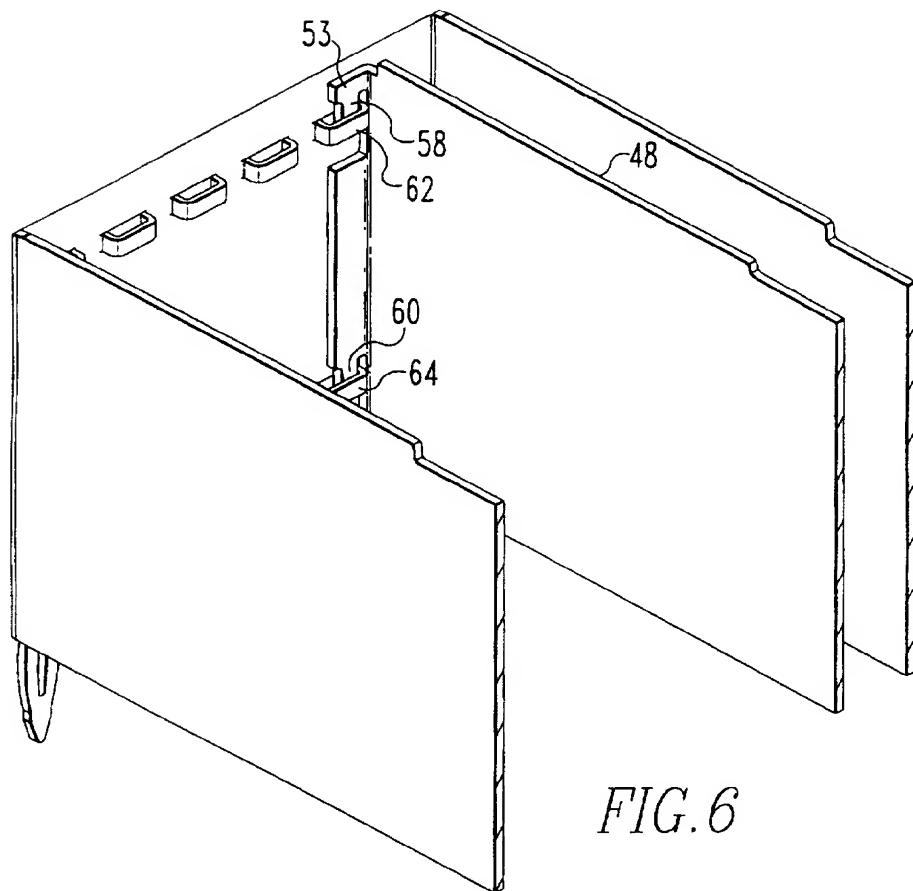


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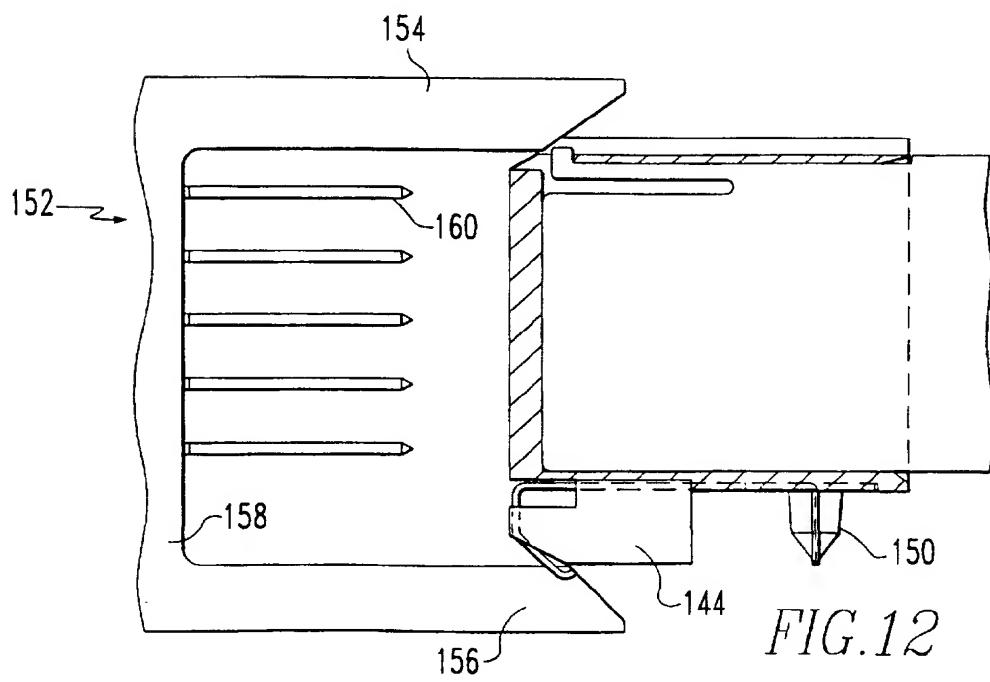


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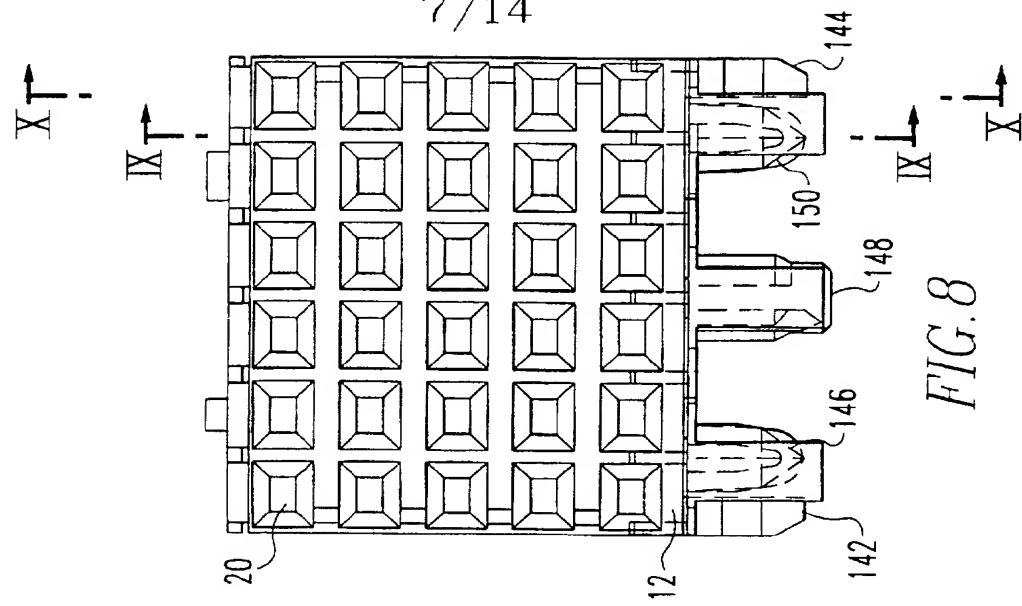


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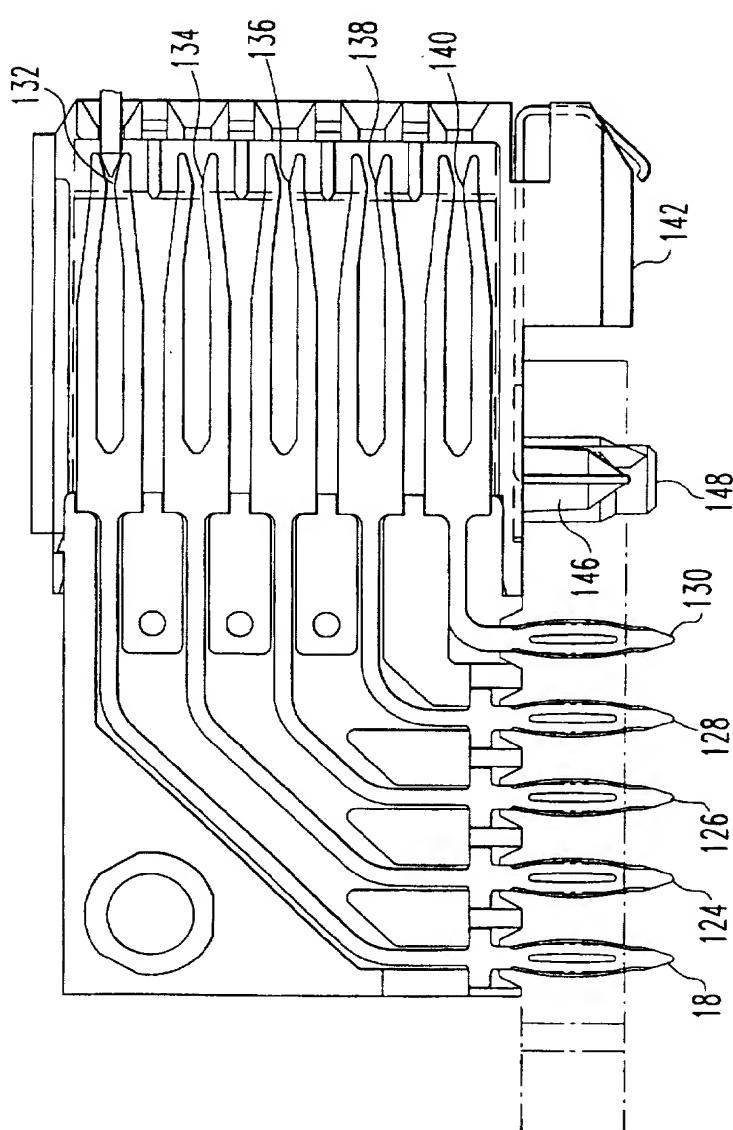
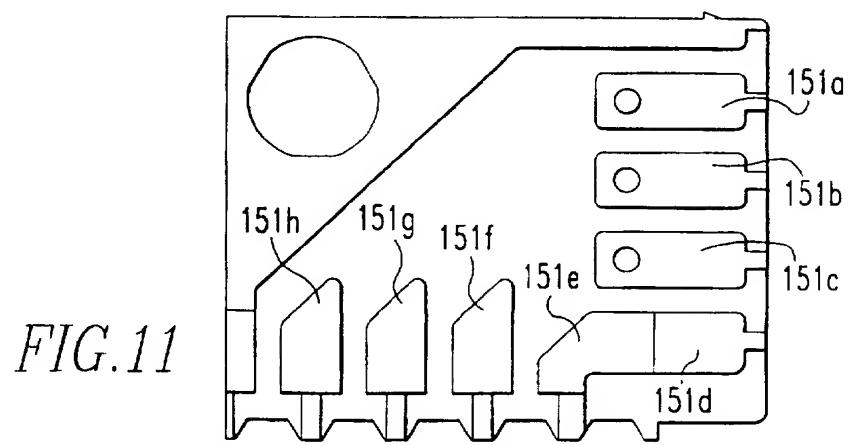
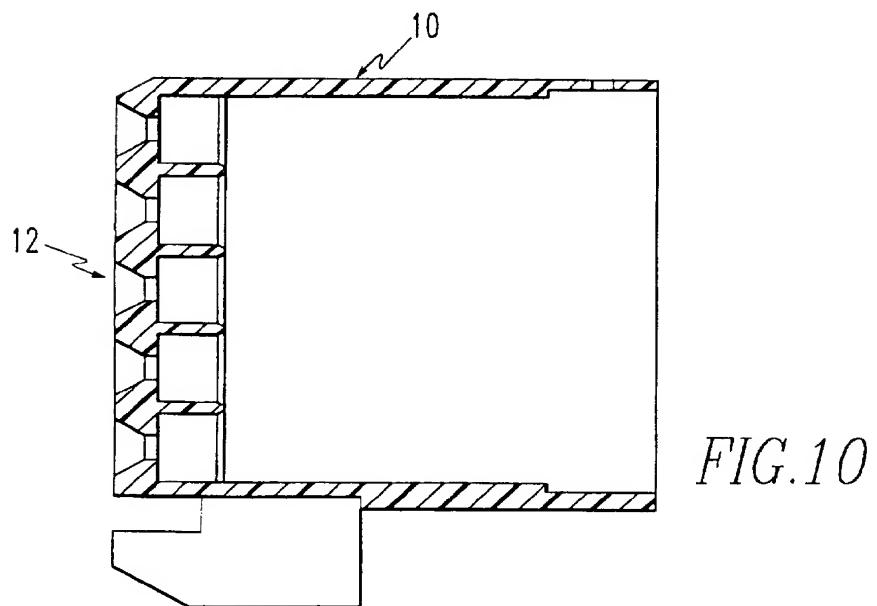
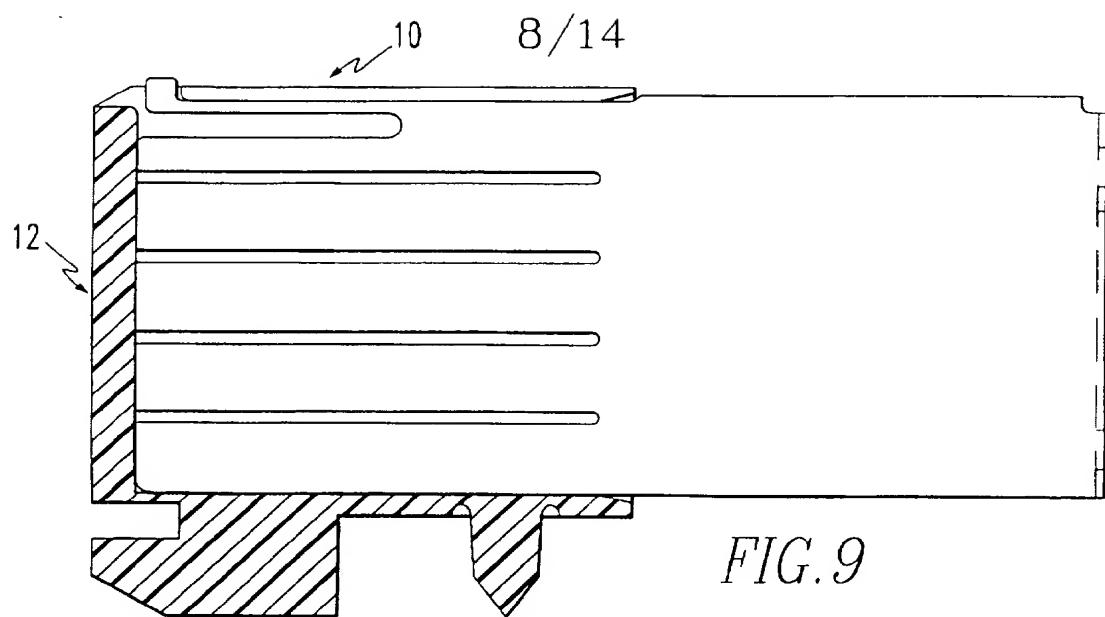


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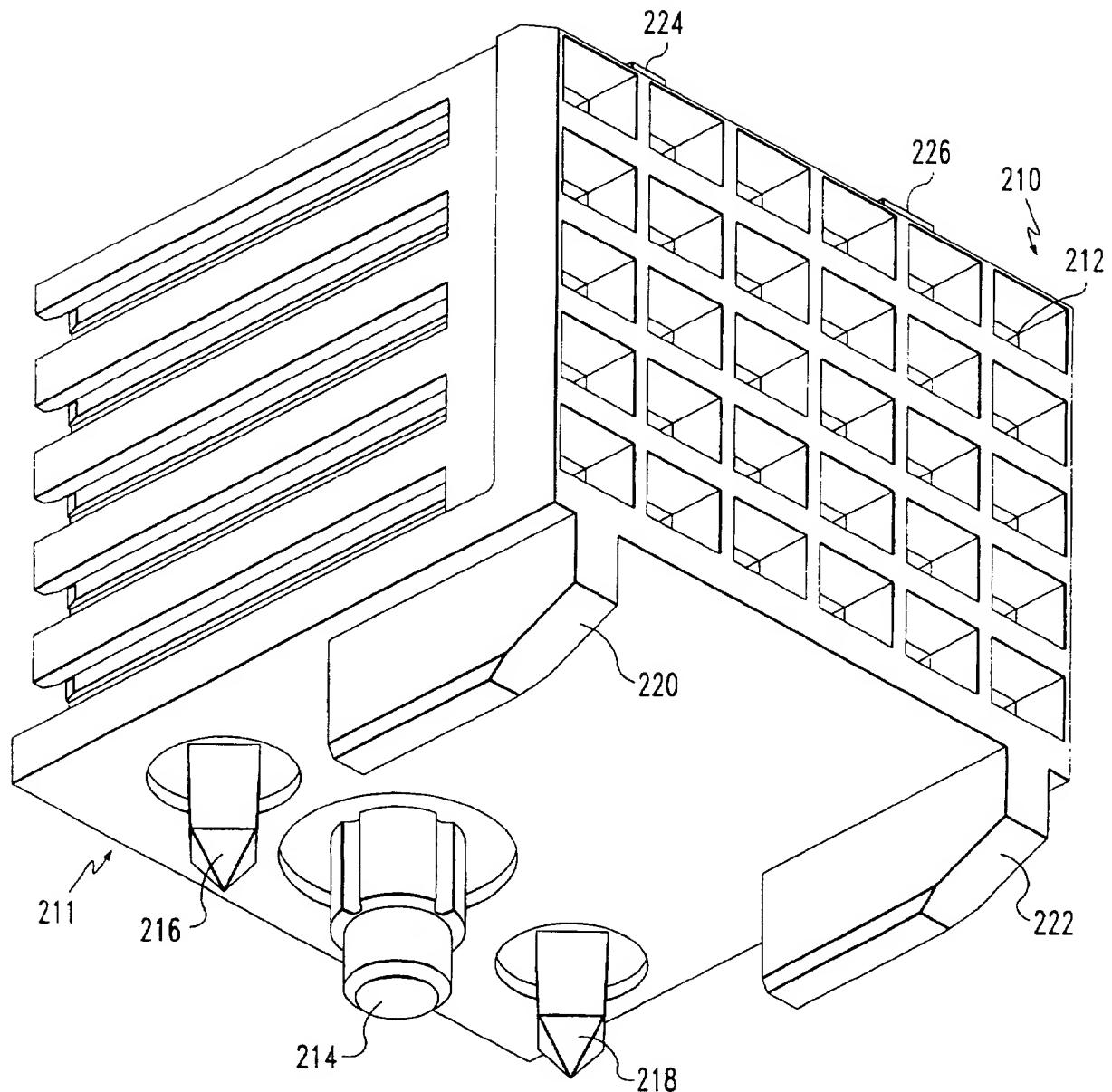


FIG.13

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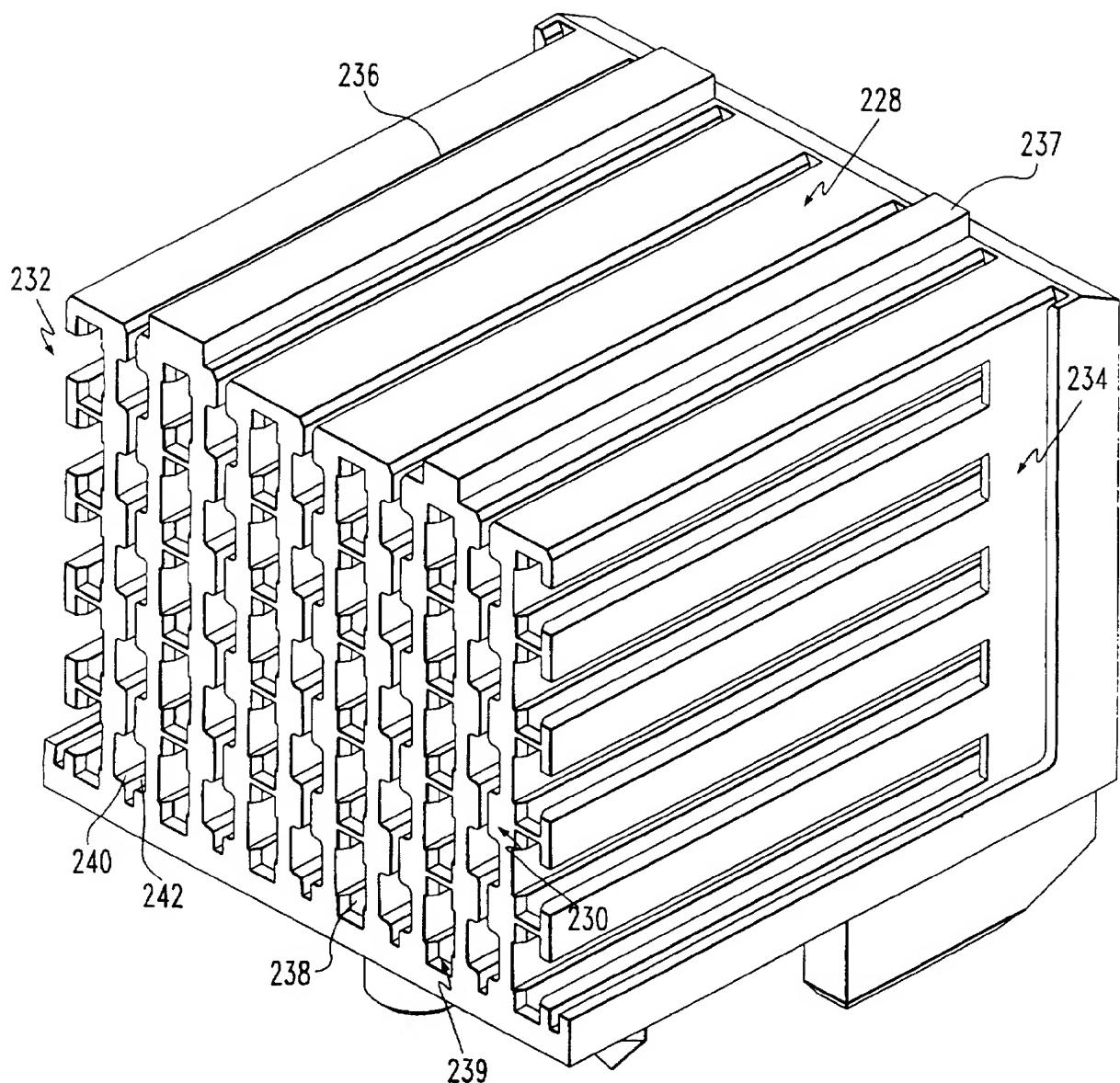


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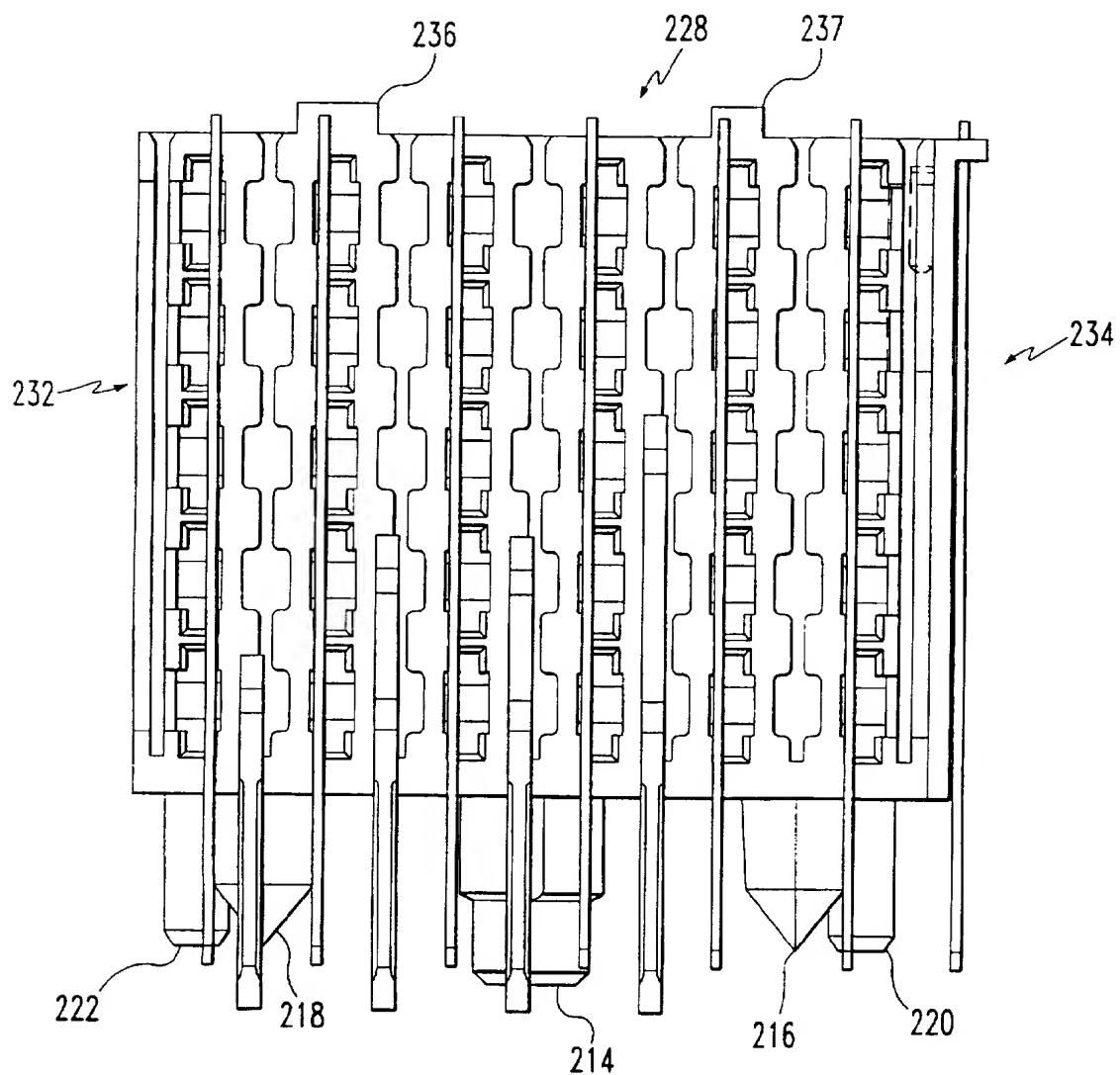


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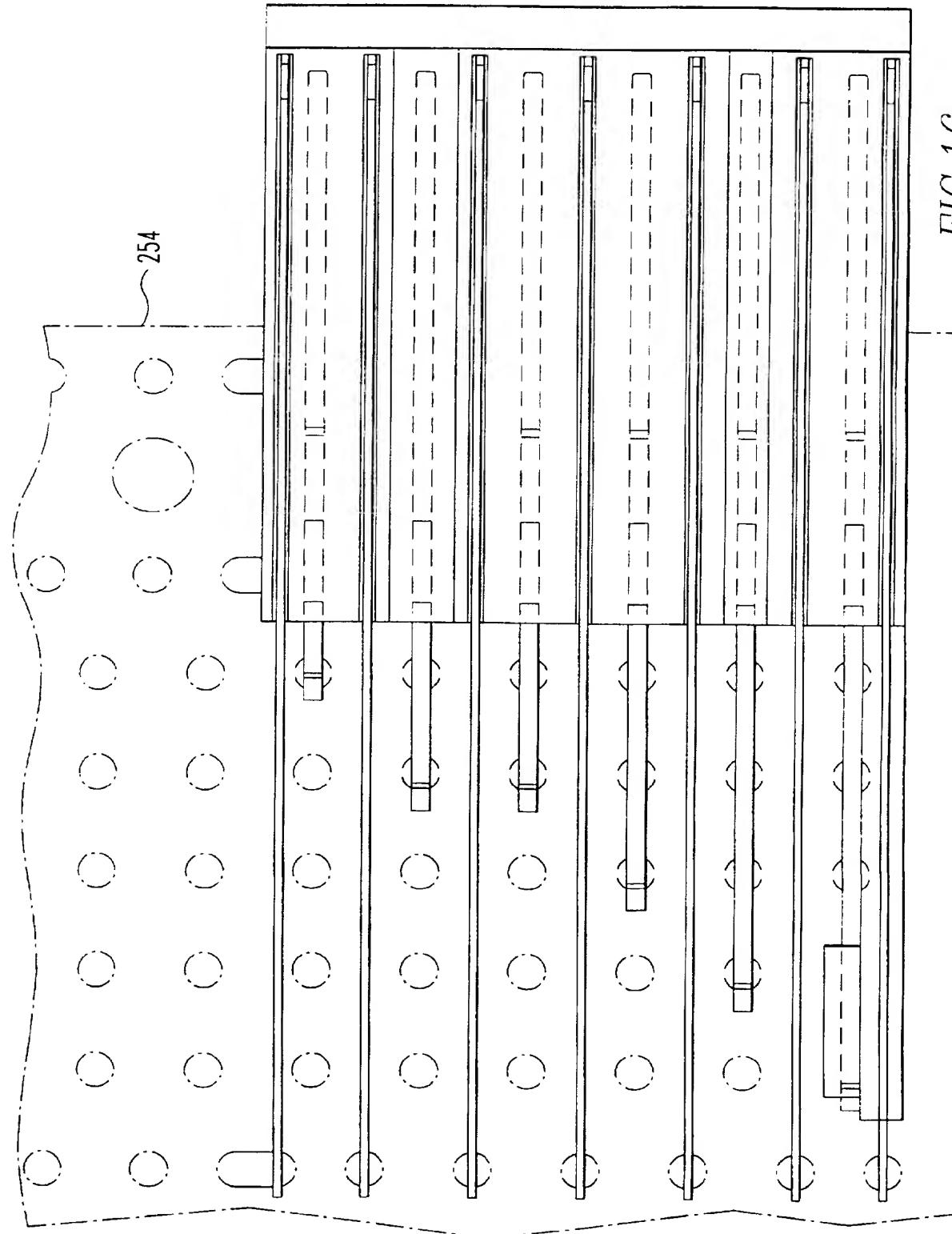


FIG. 16

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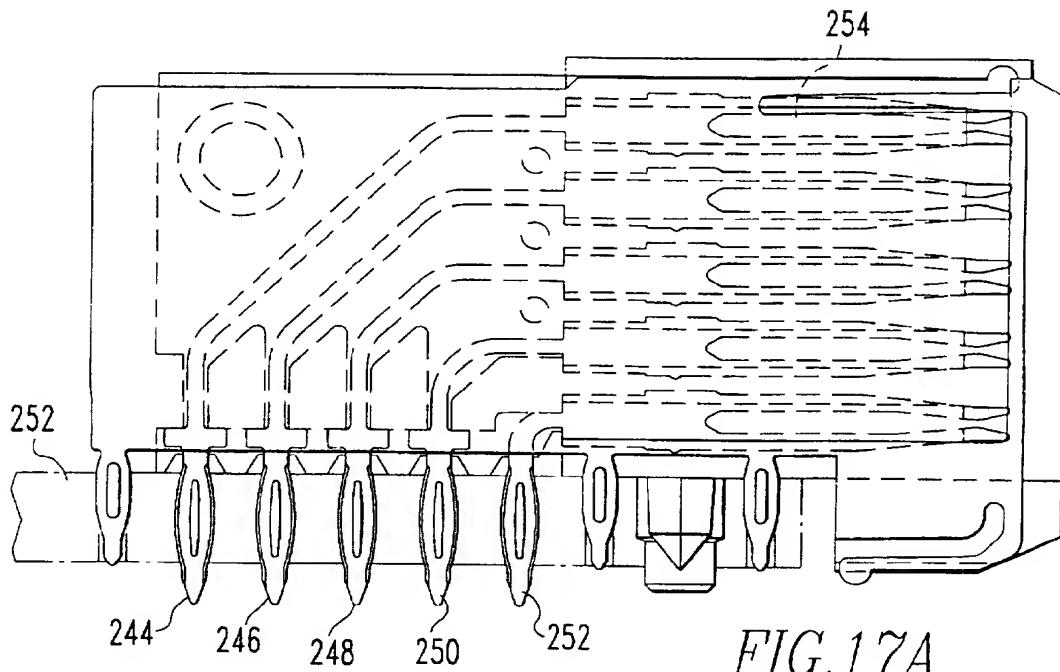


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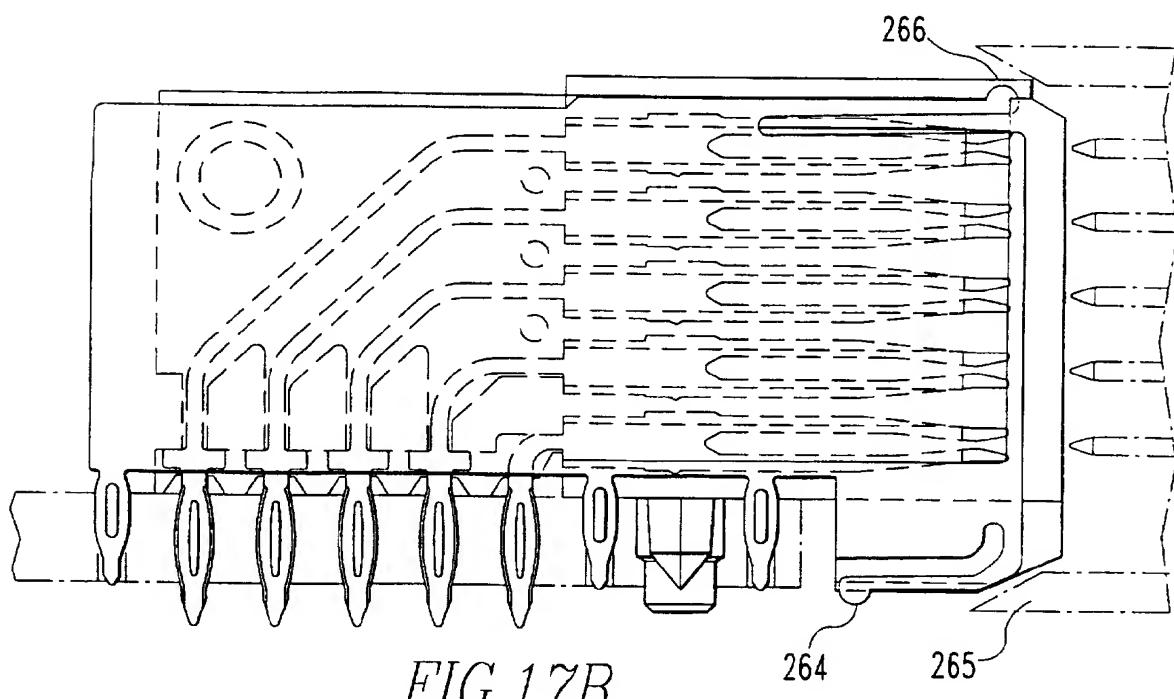
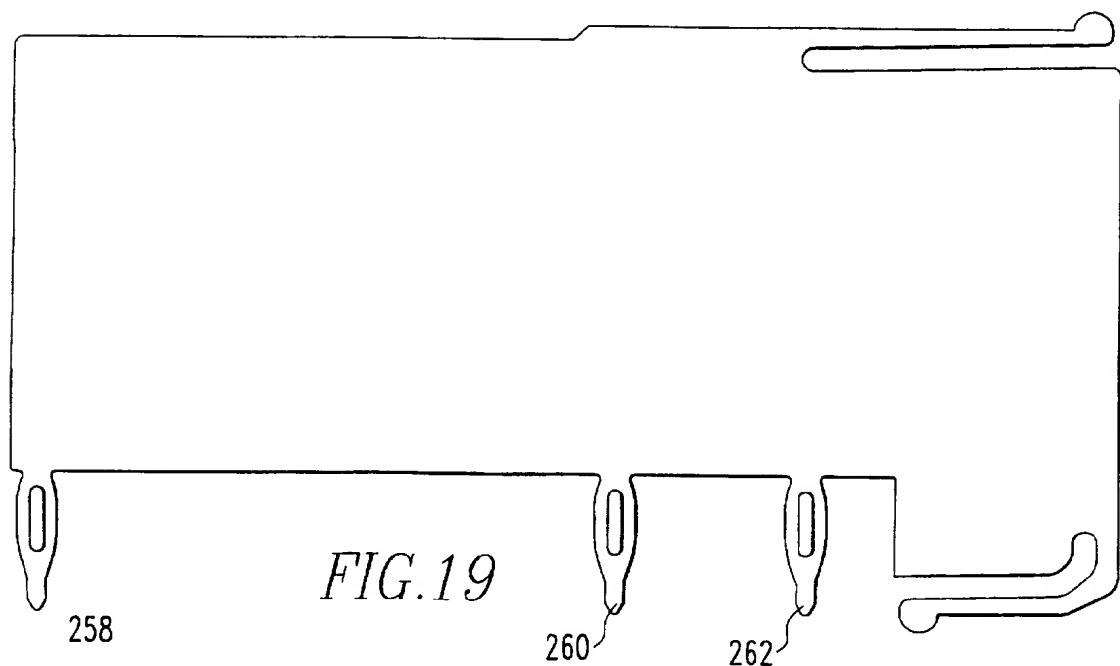
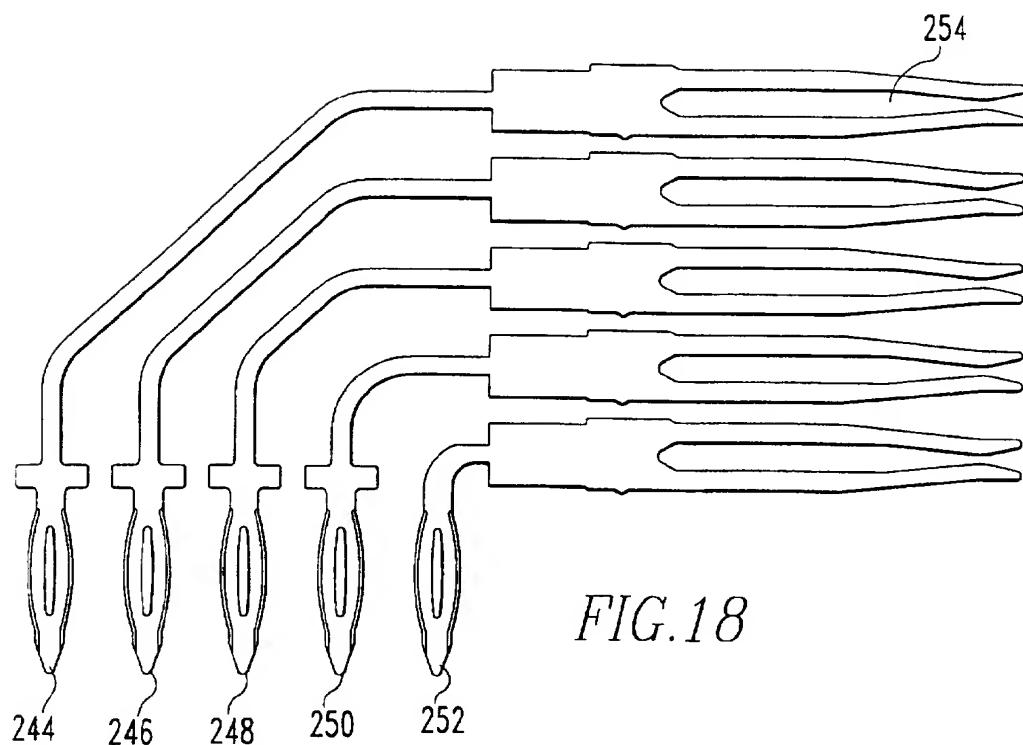


FIG. 17B

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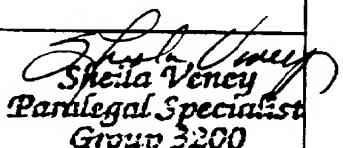
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This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack Unity of Invention because they are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for more than one species to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid. The species are as follows:

species 1: Figure 1; species 2: Figure 13.

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

species 1: claims 1-10; species 2: claim 11.

The following claims are generic: none

The species listed above do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: each species has the technical feature of a different type of shielding arrangement.